



The TREE Fund is working toward a brighter future for trees and the people who care for them as it recently announced approval to fund 13 research projects, totaling over \$96,000 under its John Z. Duling grant program. Topics range from identifying the genes involved in resistance to white pine blister rust to the mature trees' response to hurricane-related flooding in northern Gulf Coast communities. Watch for the announcement of the John Z. Duling grant winners for 2006 on the TREE Fund Web site at www.treefund.org.

Several TREE Fund events are brightening up the summer schedule. ISA annual conference attendees can look forward to participating in the 12th annual TREE Fund golf outing (Sunday, July 30th), cheering on the Tour des Trees riders as they arrive at the field-day events, and enjoying the food, drink and excitement of the 8th annual Gala Auction on Monday, July 31st – all to benefit the research and education programs of the TREE Fund! Be sure to sign up for the golf outing and Gala Auction with your ISA annual conference registration!

Special events manager Lynn Day is actively seeking sponsors and auction items as she gears up for a brilliant future of fun and successful TREE Fund events! For more information contact Lynn Day at lday@treefund.org or (630) 221-8127 ext. 258.